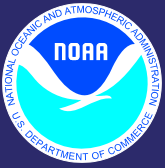


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**12 December 2008**

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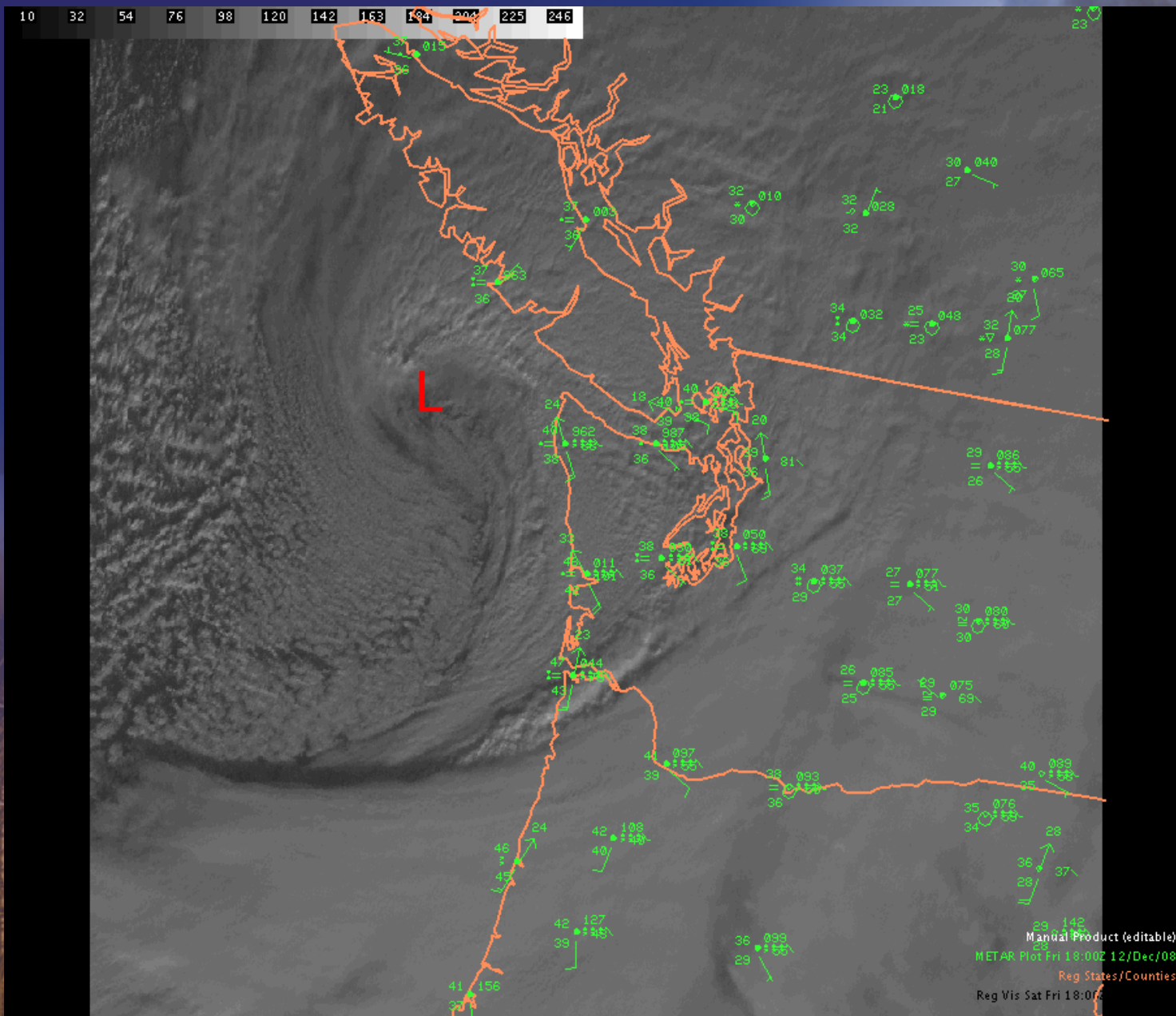


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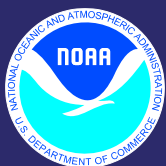
- **Strong Pacific storm moving into Western Washington. Low center moving onshore further North than previously forecast, resulting in:**
  - *A bit more wind as the low moves through Western Washington this afternoon and tonight*
  - *Delay to the cold air (still coming, still going to be very cold)*
  - *De-emphasis on snow over night Friday*
- **In summary:**
  - *Abrupt transition to much colder temperatures across the region*
  - *Heavy mountain snow*
  - *Threat of lowland snow reduced, and will mostly occur Saturday.*
  - *Outlook into next week is continued cold with some moderation around mid week*



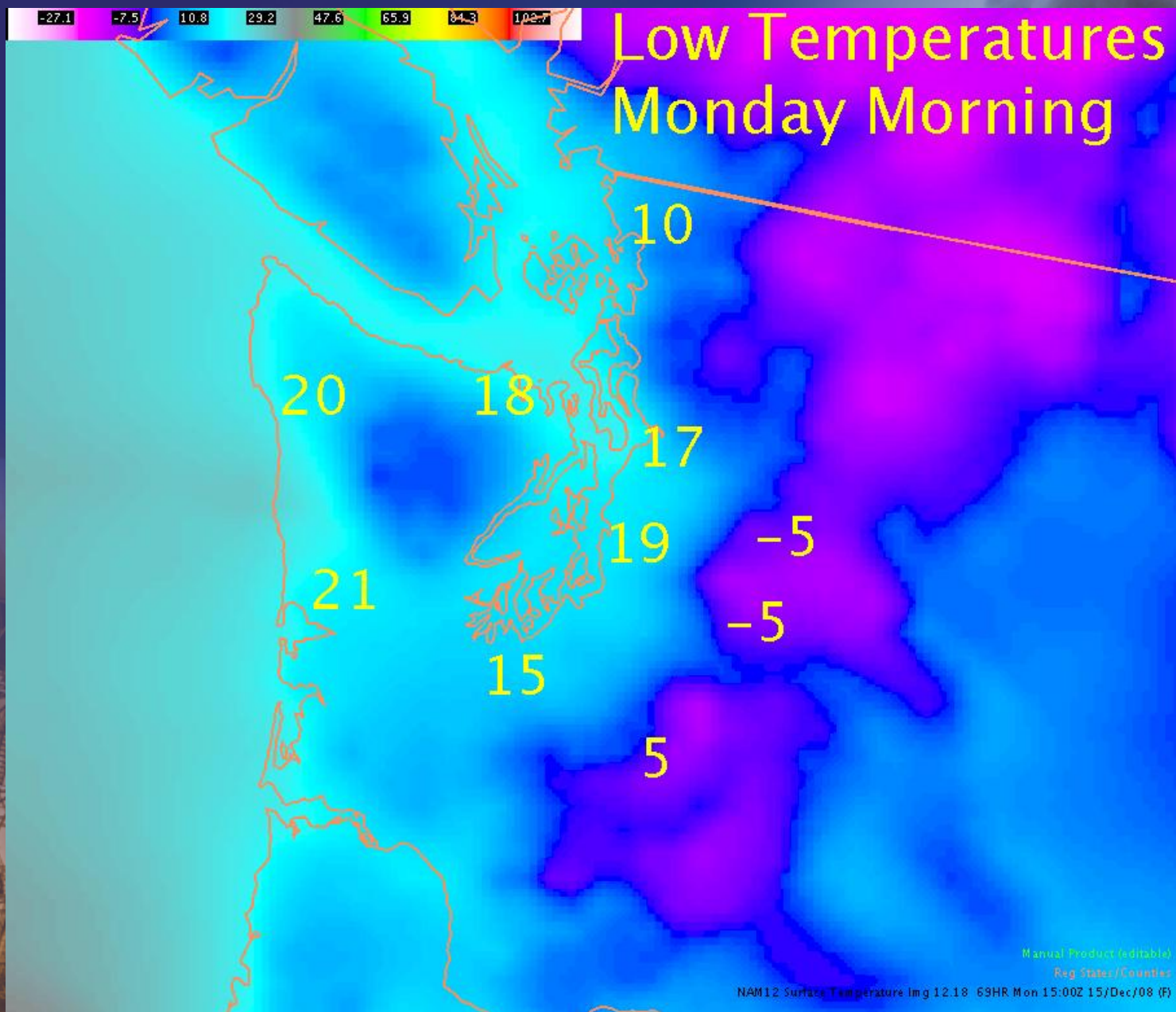
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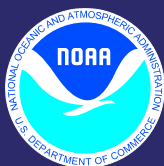




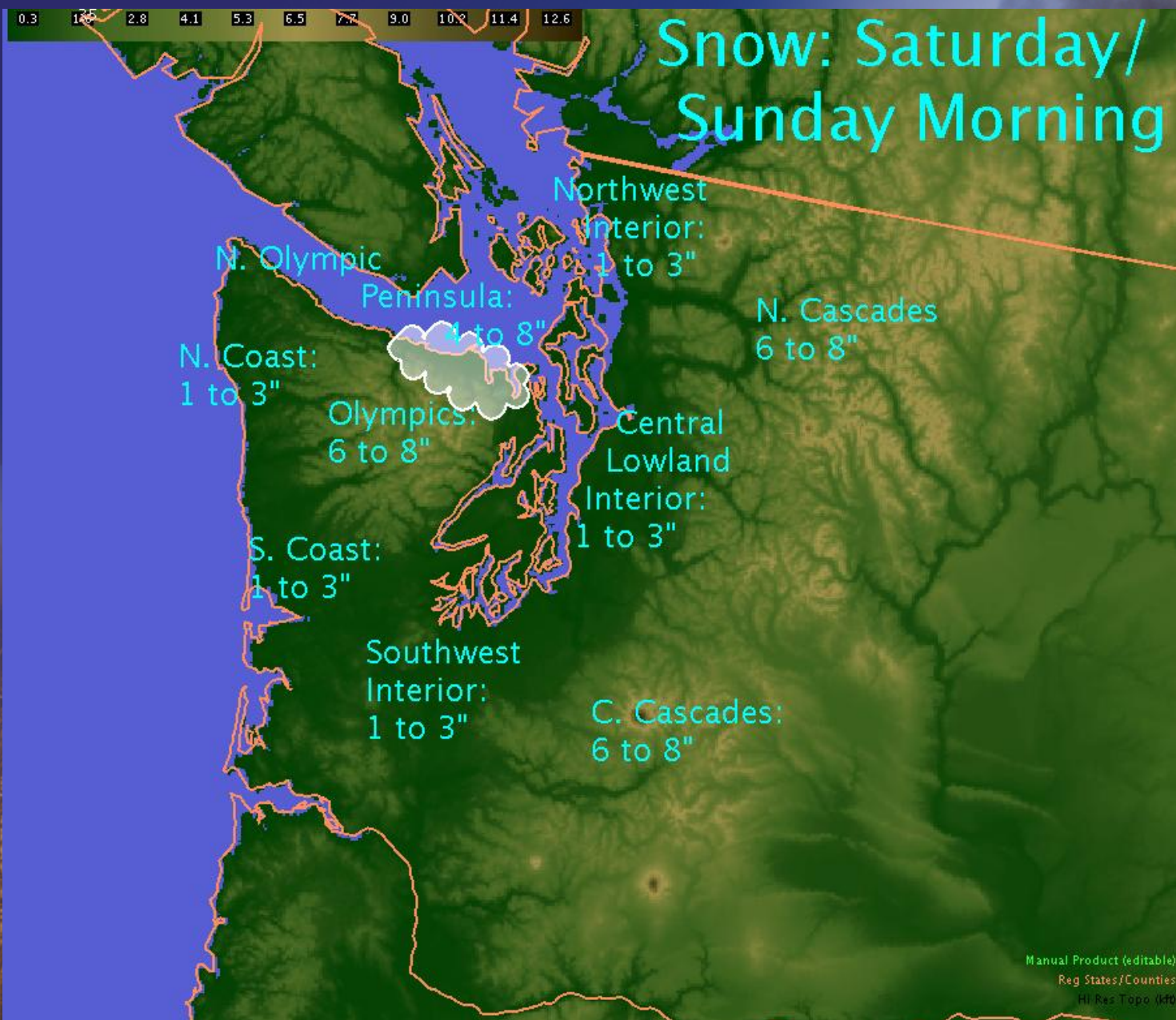
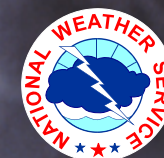


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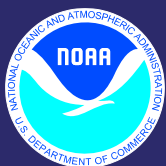




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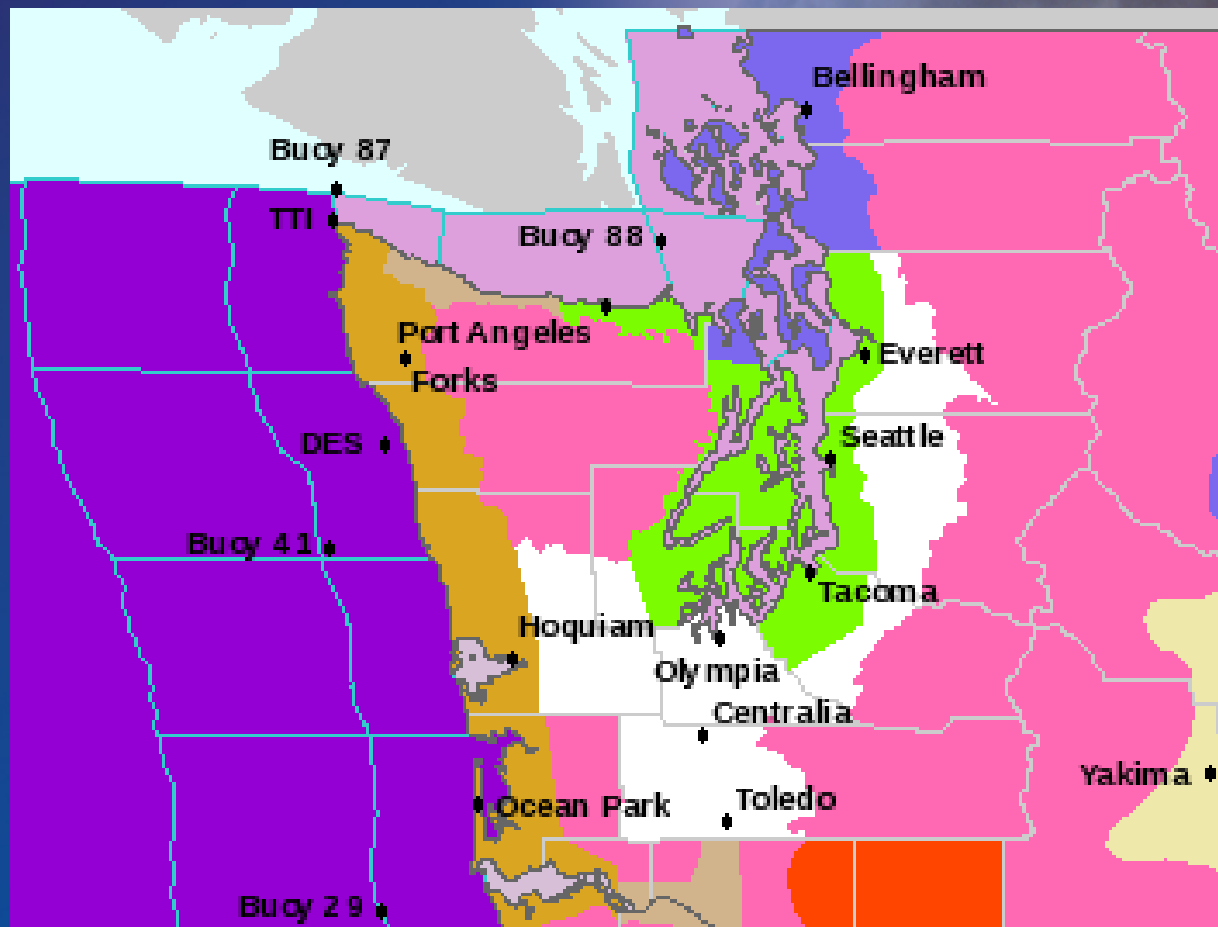


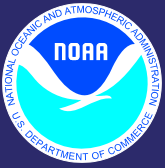


# Current Watch/Afternoon Update



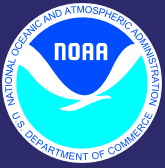
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Hazardous Weather Outlook	
Short Term Forecast	





# Preparedness issues

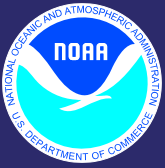
- **Winter weather driving conditions many areas – first time this season**
- **Protect against frozen pipes and radiators**
- **Protect pets**
- **Extreme wind chill Whatcom County**



# Impact Summary

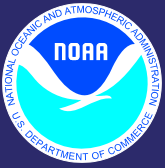
- **Today through Sunday**
  - ***More Wind with the Low this afternoon and evening***
  - ***Heavy snow mountain areas – one to two feet***
  - ***Lowland snow threat diminished today and tonight***
  - ***Lowland snow threat this weekend***
  - ***Stay Tuned !!***





# Resources

- [weather.gov/seattle/](http://weather.gov/seattle/) – NWS Seattle web site
  - Area Forecast Discussions (Text and new Graphical)
  - Doppler weather radar loops
  - Latest forecasts and warning statements
  - Satellite imagery loops
- [nwac.us](http://nwac.us) – Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center
- [wsdot.wa.gov](http://wsdot.wa.gov) – Washington State Dept. of Transportation



# Questions?

